

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0703

INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1394

LIMDIS

E.OE 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, LY

SUBJECT: LIBYAN TIGHTENING OF CONTROL OVER PRODUCTION  
CUTBACK

REF: 1) TRIPOLI 1265; 2) TRIPOLI 1372

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF LETTER FROM MINISTRY  
OF PETROLEUM TO ESSO ON PRODUCTION CUTBACKS. OBVIOUS  
PURPOSE OF LETTER IS TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDING  
ON CALCULATION OF FIVE PERCENT CUT. PERTINENT  
PARAGRAPH READS: QTE WHEREAS YOUR ACTUAL PRODUCTION  
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WAS 8,911,329 BARRELS  
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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, I.E. FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF

30 DAYS, THEREFORE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS  
OF OUR SAID CIRCULAR THE TOTAL QUANTITY REQUIRED TO  
BE REDUCED TO REPRESENT SAID 5 PERCENT IS 14,852 BARRELS.  
YOUR DAILY PRODUCTION SHALL BE 282,192 BARRELS PER DAY  
AS OF OCTOBER 18, 1973. THIS REDUCTION SHALL, UNTIL  
YOU ARE OTHERWISE NOTIFIED, CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE  
SUBSEQUENT MONTHS AT THE SAME RATE OF 5 PERCENT REDUCED TO  
THE REDUCED PRODUCTION OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. END QTE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SIMILAR DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT  
TO THE OTHER COMPANIES OPERATING IN LIBYA, EXCEPT OF  
COURSE LARG'S NOC AND ITS PARTNER ENI. THIS LETTER ELIMINATES  
CONFUSION ON HOW CUTBACKS ARE TO BE CALCULATED AND ALSO  
ELIMINATES ANY OPPORTUNITY WHICH MAY HAVE EXISTED BEFORE  
FOR THE COMPANIES TO PICK AND CHOOSE FORMULAS TO MINIMIZE  
THEIR PRODUCTION DROP.  
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